

WEATHER FORECAST.

Fair and somewhat warmer to-day; tomorrow, fair; moderate to fresh west winds.
Highest temperature yesterday, 70; lowest, 56.
Detailed weather reports will be found on editorial page.

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D., L. & W. PLANS STOCK DIVIDEND OF 100 PER CENT.

Ask Commerce Commission for Permission to Increase Capital Stock.

TO QUIT COAL BUSINESS

Directors Aim to Absorb Either the Nickel Plate or the Erie.

EXPANSION IS THE AIM

Voluntary Consolidations to Be Sought With Approval of Federal Authorities.

The directors of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company will declare a stock dividend of 100 per cent, provided the Interstate Commerce Commission grants permission to increase the company's capital stock to a point equal to its invested capital. They also will divest the company of its coal properties, enabling the management to devote itself exclusively to the development and operation of its present railroad properties and any other properties that it may acquire, provided that the commission also grants permission to separate the coal properties from the railroad's ownership. Those facts were learned yesterday following an announcement that it had received the company's application.

Two different sets of negotiations for other railroad properties are in a state of preliminary action. One of them has the idea of purchasing control of the New York, Chicago and St. Louis Railway Company, known as the Nickel Plate. The other has the idea of purchase of control of the Erie. How far those negotiations have proceeded could not be ascertained in the absence of W. H. Truesdale and W. S. Jenney, president and vice-president respectively of the company, who are on a tour of inspection and may look over thoroughly each or both of those properties. The stock dividend of 100 per cent. would leave more than \$45,000,000 of uncanceled property investment, permitting the Lackawanna to use all or any part of \$45,000,000 of additional stock for acquisition of railroad property.

Company Long Undercapitalized.

The application of the company for permission to dispose of its coal properties gives no inkling of the manner in which such disposition will be carried out, but the history of the formation of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Coal Company, which was organized to market the coal produced on Lackawanna properties, indicates that the coal properties' securities will be distributed on a pro rata basis to Lackawanna stockholders. The value of those coal properties, which have earned on the average about \$5,500,000 a year, is estimated variously at \$75,000,000 to \$125,000,000, and the distribution of stock representing those coal lands would be an additional million for Lackawanna stockholders, representing, as they would, more than 400,000,000 tons of unmined coal.

Should the directors of the Lackawanna carry out their plan for a 100 per cent. stock dividend, the amount outstanding would be \$54,441,100. Since 1913 the Lackawanna has had an excess of earnings over the amount distributed in dividends to July 1, 1920, of \$50,441,776. That surplus takes no account of the increase in invested capital by reason of appreciated property values. Nevertheless on the basis of that surplus of \$50,441,776, there would remain for insurance more than \$45,000,000 of stock, which might be used for the acquisition of other railroad properties.

For years the Lackawanna has been undercapitalized in relation to the actual invested capital. Since 1876 there have been only two changes in the capital stock of \$28,200,000, one in 1909, when it was increased to \$45,000,000, and another in 1914, when stockholders subscribed to \$12,000,000 of new stock for the actual value of a thirty mile cutoff railroad in Pennsylvania. The railroad was retained from stock issuance because special legislative provisions had to be made for the stock for the sole purpose of new construction of its owned lines in Pennsylvania, and that to come under the general statutory provisions to increase its stock it was necessary for the Lackawanna to accept formally that Commonwealth's constitution, a section of which prohibited railroad company's engaging in producing oil.

Railroad Valued at \$300,000,000.

By separating the coal properties Lackawanna will come under the general statutory provisions and then will be able to issue stock subject to the necessary ratification by the Interstate Commerce Commission and the New Jersey and Pennsylvania commissions. In other words, the Lackawanna will become properly capitalized.

The application to the commission contains the statement that the minimum valuation which the directors of the Lackawanna expect to be placed on the railroad properties is \$300,000,000. At the present valuation of \$250 a share for the present outstanding stock, the investment public apparently considers the properties worth \$210,000,000.

The application points out that 6 per cent. earnings on the minimum valuation of \$200,000,000 would be \$12,000,000, which, after total fixed charges, outside income about balancing Federal income taxes, would leave \$14,400,000, or enough to pay a 4 per cent. dividend on \$240,000,000 stock, which is nearly six times the present amount outstanding.

Regarding the proposal to increase the company's capital stock and acquire

NEWSPAPERS SUED FOR \$20,000,000 BY CHICAGO FOR LIBEL

Mayor in Name of Taxpayers Charges Damages in Financial News.

Special to THE SUN and NEW YORK HERALD, CHICAGO, Sept. 17.—Mayor William Hale Thompson, on behalf of the city of Chicago, sued the Chicago Tribune and the Chicago Daily News to-day for \$20,000,000 each.

He charges that the people and taxpayers have been damaged at least \$20,000,000 by stories printed in both newspapers concerning the financial status of the municipality. Those accounts, he said, were a libel on the city's good name. The precedents were filed in court by Corporation Counsel Ettelson.

BROADWAY OR KEOKUK, A CHICKEN'S A CHICKEN

Feathered Variety Gets Iowa Man's Diamond.

Special to THE SUN and NEW YORK HERALD, DAVENPORT, IOWA, Sept. 17.—More remarkable than the tale of the goose that laid the golden egg is the story of the chicken that ate a \$600 diamond out of a ring.

L. Walbourne recently purchased 150 chickens and put them in a coop behind his shop. While unloading the chickens he struck his ring forcibly against the coop, loosening the stone. Unable to find it in the coop Walbourne followed with a wholesale slaughter of fowl.

The missing diamond was found in the crop of the fifth bird killed.

ARMED IOWANS RAID \$52 QUART BOOTLEGGERS

Thirsty Men Seize Stock in His Motor Car.

Special to THE SUN and NEW YORK HERALD, ATLANTIC, IOWA, Sept. 17.—Indignant because of an effort to hold them up for \$52 a quart, and using shot guns to boot, a group of thirty Atlantic men seized his rifle stock sixteen quarts.

The Omaha man had his motor car in the outskirts of the city and advertised his wares by secret code. Prospective purchasers soon arrived but they found his price was \$52 a quart and returned to town to hold a consultation on ways and means.

COTTON MILL DEAL INVOLVES \$15,000,000

Knight Properties Sold to F. R. Rupprecht.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Sept. 17.—The entire mill property of B. B. & R. Knight, Inc., including large cotton plants in Rhode Island and Massachusetts, were sold to-day to Frederick R. Rupprecht of New York. The price was not announced, but is believed to be between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000.

Negotiations for the sale of the properties, which comprise one of the largest textile manufacturing organizations in the world, has been under way since June. Announcement of the sale was made by Webster and C. Prescott Knight.

The sale includes all the mill properties, real estate, farm lands and buildings, houses for employees, good will and brands, and all quick assets of B. B. & R. Knight, Inc.

WAR TRAINING AIDED BEATINGS, WIFE SAYS

Wealthy Head of International Products Co. Sued.

Special to THE SUN and NEW YORK HERALD, CHICAGO, Sept. 17.—They married in February, 1920, and in May he beat her, she said. He did not wait long the second time and that "times too numerous to mention," she repeated the performance vigorously.

So to-day Mrs. Mabel Dunn Arentsen filed suit to divorce William Arthur Arentsen, president of the International Products Company, possessor of a \$50,000 yearly income, three automobiles and a rather violent temper.

The suit charged Arentsen told his wife he would show her how he and his fellow soldiers Jack Dempsey and the Germans in the war, said that his beatings amounted to a barrage, so consistent were they.

INCREASING PROFANITY MOVES BAPTIST BODY

Protests Also Immodest in Dress and Books.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Sept. 17.—Revolution protesting against the "increasing public use of profanity" were adopted to-day by the Narragansett Baptist Association, representing most of the Baptist churches in Rhode Island in convention at Narragansett Pier.

The resolutions called upon clergymen to continue preaching against "immodesty in dress and books" until popular sentiment should change.

G. B. S. AGITATES LONDON.

Presence in Ireland Hinted as English Embarrassment.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN and NEW YORK HERALD, Copyright, 1920, by THE SUN and NEW YORK HERALD, LONDON, Sept. 17.—What is George Bernard Shaw doing in Ireland? Is he settling Fleet Street and Bohemia as well as Whitehall these days?

Mr. Shaw has just announced that he has taken the place of the minister of publicity propaganda. One paragraph asks:

"Is he seeking the very newest methods of embarrassing the Government in a country where this is a fine art?"

RED FLAG LOWERED IN ITALY.

NAPLES, Sept. 17.—The workers in the great Cirio factory, where fruits are preserved, reached an agreement to-day with their employers and lowered the red flag and returned the buildings they occupied to the owners.

M'SWINEY CASE IS DEPLORABLE TO NORTHCLIFFE

'Alienating Irish Feeling When Reconciliation Is Most Paramount.'

FEARS RELIGIOUS WAR

British Publisher Sees Implacable Antagonism Forming in Munster.

NO ADVANTAGE GAINED

Government's Decision Misrepresents English Sentiment, He Declares.

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By LORD NORTHCLIFFE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD:

LONDON, Sept. 17.—I regard the imprisonment of the Lord Mayor of Cork as a sad aggravation of the grave political error committed in the exclusion of Archbishop Mannix from Ireland. Whatever justification there may have been for either decision is outweighed by the deplorable and inevitable consequences of alienating Irish feeling at a time when reconciliation of the English and Irish people on a mutually acceptable basis is of the most paramount importance.

History shows abundantly that the bloodiest and the most futile wars have been those based on differences of religion. By increasing the friction between the Protestant and Catholic subjects in this country the British Government is rendering such a war possible.

No one in England can gain any advantage by the Lord Mayor's death, which no one surely desires. Must we create in Munster an antagonism as implacable and lasting as that of Ulster? This decision, against which for more than a month almost the whole British press has continuously protested, grossly misrepresents English sentiment in the eyes of the civilized world.

MACSWINEY CONSCIOUS; IN PAIN, WIFE REPORTS

Cork's Lord Mayor Sinking as 36th Day Passes.

LONDON, Sept. 17.—The Irish Self-Determination League issued the following bulletin early this evening: "MacSwiney, who was with the Lord Mayor all afternoon, said he rallied in the early part of the afternoon but later collapsed again. She reported he was conscious but very exhausted and in great pain."

Lord Mayor Terence MacSwiney, who to-day began the thirty-sixth day of his hunger strike at Brixton prison, passed a somewhat better night and had a little sleep, said a bulletin issued at 10 o'clock this morning by the Irish Self-Determination League. The bulletin said the pain he has suffered in his limbs and back continued, but that he was not suffering from the pain in his head of which he has frequently complained. It was declared a doctor had found him appreciably weaker, but that he was still conscious.

In his report to the Home Office the physician at Brixton prison declared there was no change in the Lord Mayor's condition, except that a gradual deterioration was noticeable daily.

COMMUNIST CONGRESS TO OPEN IN MEXICO

No Foreigners Among Organizers of Proletariat.

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 17.—The first "Communist Congress of the Mexican Proletariat" will meet here to-morrow. The programme merely states that "principles" will be outlined, and little else is known regarding the objects of the convention. Names of foreigners are missing from the list of organizers, most of them being Mexican labor leaders.

It is stated representatives of workers' syndicates from the Federal District and the States of Mexico, Puebla, Vera Cruz, Tlaxcala, Yucatan and Tamaulipas will be present.

CAILLAUX TO BECOME A BANKER IN BRUSSELS

Former Premier Resents His Court Sentence.

PARIS, Sept. 17.—Former Premier Joseph Caillaux, convicted by the High Court in April on "commerce and correspondence with the enemy" and sentenced, besides the jail term he had already served, to enforced residence for five years outside certain specified zones, is making arrangements to leave France. He plans to take up his residence in Brussels, where he is organizing a bank of which he will be president. The Ministry of Interior reports that it has no objection to Caillaux's departure.

The former Premier found his inactivity trying, and resents the necessity of obtaining special permission to leave his home at Marnes, Seine Department, for visits to Paris and other cities of France. Last week he was refused permission to go to a partridge hunt because of the High Court's verdict, which, besides depriving him of civil and civic rights, does not permit him to carry firearms.

PALMER DIRECTS BOMB PLOT HUNT; RED REVOLUTION SUSPECTED BY HIM; CANADA TO DEPORT FISCHER TO-DAY

BOMB PLOT DAY SET IN WARNING

Fischer, Who Told Many to Shun Wall Street, Known as Crank for Years.

INCOHERENCY IN LETTERS

None of Tennis Player's Acquaintances Believe He Was Mixed in Conspiracy.

Ed Fischer, lawyer and tennis player, whose eccentricities have been a subject of comment for years, sent broadcast among his friends and also confided to strangers his warning that a catastrophe was about to take place in Wall Street.

From Canada, whither he went a week or so ago to follow tennis tournaments and where he was arrested yesterday, he mailed his singular admonitions. The New York police have made public three of these letters, and came across others yesterday in their investigation of the bomb mystery. They also discovered that Fischer, as he traveled about the city up to the time of his going to Canada, not only confided his predictions to friends, but even told strangers he met in the subway that Wall Street was going to be blown up.

In every case except one, so far as is known, he gave September 15, last Wednesday, as the date of the explosion. If he mentioned the day at all. But Joseph T. O'Neill of New York, N. Y., avers that a man he believes to have been Fischer got into conversation with him in a Hudson tube train and bade him keep out of Wall Street until after September 16 because anarchists were plotting to set off a bomb at that time.

"Play Safe First."

This is the letter, reproduced exactly as it was written, received by Louis Arnaud of the French High Commission, which employed Fischer up to September 1.

THE QUEENS, My address may always be obtained at once to the French High Commission, which employed Fischer up to September 1.

Dear Mr. Arnaud,

I think I am doing good work in making the people know France and in planting in them a strong blessing the desire in them to see France get her square deal.

There is a rumor that something is going to happen after 2:30 P. M., around 3 to 4 P. M. daylight saving time in the Wall Street district. I advise the Mission close at 2 P. M. on that day and everybody go home. It may be all bull, but the world is a great place. Know and millions will then. Have a just grievance. I think. The Mission ought to play safe first. I hope you feel that what I am doing is of value to someone better night and had a little sleep, said a bulletin issued at 10 o'clock this morning by the Irish Self-Determination League. The bulletin said the pain he has suffered in his limbs and back continued, but that he was not suffering from the pain in his head of which he has frequently complained. It was declared a doctor had found him appreciably weaker, but that he was still conscious.

In view of this letter and of Fischer's connection with the French High Commission, Maurice Casanave, the director of the French service in the United States, made this statement:

"Edwin Fischer joined the staff of the French High Commission in New York on September 30, 1918. He was employed in the transportation department and was an excellent worker, never giving cause for complaint, and a good mixer. He was on friendly terms with all his colleagues.

Never Returned From Vacation.

"Fischer left the French mission on August 2, 1920, for his vacation, but did not return. After a month's absence he was automatically discharged. Since September 1, 1920, he has had no connection with the French High Commission in New York or elsewhere.

"For a short time before Fischer left his colleagues noticed in him signs of mental derangement.

"Fischer was forty-two years of age when he joined the French mission. He was a man of athletic build, weighing about 200 pounds."

Another warning was received by George Ketchledge, of 2025 Broadway, a broker, from the French High Commission Building. It was dated Toronto, September 13, and said:

Greetings. Get out of Wall Street when the gong strikes at 3 o'clock Wednesday (the 15th). Good luck.

Another post card from Toronto, identified as in Fischer's handwriting, was taken to the District Attorney's office yesterday. It was received by Sheppard Homans of the banking firm

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HELD IN PRISON AS UNDESIRABLE

Man Who Gave Warning of Blast Said to Be De-ranged.

EXAMINED BY PHYSICIANS

Claims Message From Air Gave Him Premonition of Disaster.

Special to THE SUN and NEW YORK HERALD, HAMILTON, Ont., Sept. 17.—Edward P. Fischer, the former metropolitan tennis champion, who within the last two weeks warned friends in New York that Wall Street would be blown up on September 15—a day ahead of the actual explosion—was arrested here to-day upon identification by his brother-in-law, a landscape architect of New York. Fischer was remanded to the local jail, and Hugh Sweeney, Canadian Immigration Inspector, said to-night that he would be deported to the United States some time Saturday.

He is held here now on a charge of insanity. His talk is largely incoherent, and he is able to give no reason for having sent the warning messages except that they were based on information which came to him "from the air."

The only thing the police have found to connect Fischer in any way with radicals is the fact that they found in his pockets a copy of a pamphlet published in New York and captioned "Soviet Russia." It was made up of about thirty pages of articles on the present relations between Russia, England, Poland and other nations.

Mr. Pope, just before he left Hamilton to-night for Buffalo on the way to New York city in company with two detectives representing the United States Department of Justice, declared that his brother-in-law had never had any communication with radicals and cannot be remotely suspected of any connection with the New York explosion.

Warned by Telegraphy.

"Mr. Fischer has been mentally afflicted in years past," said Pope. "Three weeks ago he had another attack. While in this state he predicted Wall Street would be blown up. He had it as a premonition, and becoming worried about the safety of his friends he began sending them messages. I am convinced that Mr. Fischer while in this abnormal condition received telegraphic impressions from the minds of men who were plotting the outrage. Also, in view of the unrest prevailing in the world, it is possible that a man in his condition would predict such a disaster at the financial centre of the continent."

"Mr. Fischer is a man of the finest type, and has always moved in the best circles. He is true that he has read radical literature, but not more so than other well read men. If he had not received this amazing premonition while in that rarified mental atmosphere three weeks ago no one would have dreamed of his having been connected with the tragedy. He is not mechanical and could not manufacture an internal machine if he tried to do so."

The Chief of Police of Hamilton talked or tried to talk with Fischer for several hours to-day. His impression is the man is insane.

"He talks foolishly," the chief said. "You cannot make sense out of what he has to say. The medical examiner is satisfied he is not in his right mind. Neither upon his person nor among his effects have we found anything which would link him with any Anarchistic, Communist or other extreme group. Whenever we have asked him if he had any such affiliation he has answered so vaguely as to be unintelligible. When we asked him about the messages he sent to Lieut. Arnaud of the French High Commission and G. W. Ketchledge of New York he gave answers in no way related to the subject. Instead, he rants absurdly."

Fails to Understand Position.

"His general conduct is all right. He does not seem to comprehend the position he is in. His most noticeable mental characteristic is inability to concentrate on anything. We shall make every effort during the next few days to get from him some comprehensive statement, and will certainly try to find out whether he is in touch with any plotters and had learned through them of their designs in New York."

Fischer displayed signs of mental weakness several times during the day. He sang several songs after being placed in the cell at the police station, but in his conversations with the police officials and the reporters seemed bright enough. The reporters were not permitted to discuss the explosion with

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Admits Sending Bomb Warning



Edward P. Fischer of New York City.

BACK AT WORK IN THE STREET

Stock Exchange Has Roaring Market, With Heavy Public Buying.

TRADERS' JAWS ARE SET

Determined to Show That Red Outrages Must Not Stop Progress.

Like a strong man who sticks to the line after binding up his wounds and sewing on his wound stripes, Wall Street, from its lofty office boy to its most stately financier, went to work yesterday morning with head up and teeth set, determined to show the world that business will proceed as usual despite bombs.

That it did proceed as usual—that banks, brokerage houses and exchanges functioned as if less than twenty-four hours ago an attempt had not been made to destroy the financial district and all of its smooth running machinery—is evidenced by reports of heavy business on the Stock Exchange.

A few evidences were to be seen here and there that the busy corner of Wall and Broad streets had been the scene of a plot which swept innocent passersby to death in an instant. Window glass, smashed to smithereens for two blocks or so each way, was replaced hastily during the night with cloth, cardboard and other makeshifts of the glazier's trade, temporary protection against the wind and weather until new glass can be installed.

Police on Every Hand.

Uniformed policemen were everywhere. The whole financial district seemed alive with them. Pairs of them were stationed before the door of every large bank. A cordon surrounded the Federal Reserve Bank, the Sub-Treasury and the Assay Office, while plain clothes men filtered through the crowds, peering into each face. They held the theory that the criminal always comes back for a look at the havoc he has wrought.

Governors of the New York Stock Exchange, which from its commanding position in the markets of the world furnishes the cue for trading in practically every other market in the United States, were dubious just after the explosion whether to open the exchange or to keep the doors closed until Monday. Engineers and building inspectors pronounced the big building at Broad and Wall streets to be entirely safe for occupancy. Before opening the exchange the governors decided to get the opinion of leaders in the financial world as to the best policy to pursue. They called the chairman of the board of every large institution in the financial district. These included the Federal Reserve Bank, J. P. Morgan & Co., the First National Bank, the Chase National Bank and half a dozen other leading banks.

"By all means open for business as

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BIG BAYONNE OIL PLANT GUARDED

Fear of Bomb Plotters Results in Extra Precautions All Over U. S.

HALT BUNDLE CARRIERS

Persons with Suspicious Look-ings Must Give Good Explanations.

The Standard Oil Company's plant at Bayonne, N. J., was placed under special guard yesterday because of the belief that bomb plotters might try to destroy it. Following the lead of the New York Police Department, other cities reported their public buildings were being watched constantly lest the Wall Street outrage be repeated. So carefully were the precautionary orders being carried out that persons carrying suspicious looking bundles and bags were stopped and ordered to identify themselves whenever they passed near a guarded building.

Thirty detectives and uniformed policemen were on duty last night in the vicinity of the home of J. P. Morgan at Madison avenue and Thirty-sixth street. The roof of the Morgan home, as on Thursday night, was patrolled again by detectives and others were sheltered in angles of the house's walls and in buildings nearby.

The Morgan guard was being relieved every twelve hours. The detectives had orders to permit no one to loiter in the neighborhood and to search any packages that might be carried into the house by tradesmen.

It was understood that the Post Office City Hall and the Criminal Courts Building, in addition to churches and other public buildings, were under surveillance. The financial district guard was continued without relaxation and the men who composed it were taking orders from the special branch police headquarters established there.

TWO APPLAUD BOMB NEWS; UNDER ARREST

Opinions on Explosion Start Inquiry at Denver.

Special to THE SUN and NEW YORK HERALD, DENVER, Sept. 17.—J. S. Shatzko, a local politician, and Maurice Rosenfeld, giving his occupation as a salesman, were arrested yesterday afternoon for applauding news of the bombing of the Morgan Building in New York as the bulletins were posted by a Denver newspaper. Both men are held for investigation.

The arrests followed complaints to a patrolman, who ordered the men away from the bulletin board. They refused and were taken into custody.

According to the police, the men expressed the desire that all institutions of capitalists would suffer the same treatment as that accorded the Morgan Building.

When you need HELP you need The Sun and New York Herald's "Want" Ad. page.

Crime Laid by Chief Flynn to Authors of May Day Outrages in 1919.

POSTERS ASK REVOLT

Officials Pin Main Clues on Reconstruction of Old Wagon.

TRYING TO REBUILD BOMB

Experts Agree Horse Drawn Vehicle Carried Machine That Dealt Death.

So certain is Attorney-General Palmer that the bomb explosion in Wall street Thursday was conceived, planned and executed by radicals, who expected the blast to start a general revolution in America, that he came to New York last night to take personal charge of the investigation. With him came his chief assistant, Frank Garvan.

The Wall street bomb was made and exploded by the same gang of radicals that perpetrated the country-wide outrages on May Day, 1919, according to William J. Flynn, chief of the bureau of investigation, Department of Justice. Mr. Flynn made it clear that he is not without clues that may lead to the apprehension of the criminals who engineered the Wall street disaster.

Before making any statement Mr. Flynn produced a small packet of circulars, explaining that they have been scattered broadcast over the city during the week, and even since the financial district attack.